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SUBJ: LAO REFUGEE; KHAMPHETH SYHANATH

1. 1. WE REQUEST THAT REFUGEE KHAMPHETH SYHANATH BE GRANTED AN A-NUMBER FROM THE LAO RESERVE CASES ON GROUNDS OVERRIDING HUMANITARIAN MERIT. HE IS NOW VICE CONSUL AT ROYAL LAO CONSULATE GENERAL/CHIENG MAI AND HAS BEEN RECALLED BY LAO GOVERNMENT. HE IS DESIROUS OF SEEKING REFUGE IN THE U.S. AND IT IS URGENT THAT HE BE GRANTED PAROLE BEFORE HIS PLANS BECOME KNOWN TO LAO GOVERNMENT. HIS WIFE'S RELATIONSHIP TO GENERAL OUDONE SANANIKONE MAKES HIS CASE EVEN MORE URGENT. BELOW IS BACKGROUND WHICH ILLUSTRATES DANGER OF HIS POSITION. A TOTAL OF FOUR NUMBERS IS REQUESTED WHICH INCLUDES HIS WIFE, SOMMAY SYHANATH (25 NOV 1945), HIS DAUGHTER, PHET AROUND SYHANATH (21 NOV 1972) AND HIS NIECE, KHAMPHIEU SYHANATH (7 JAN 1960).

2. PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

ASSIGNMENTS: MAY 1961 CHIEF OF BUREAU OF PROTOCOL SECTION OF NEUTRALIST GOVERNMENT OF PRINCE SOUVANNA PHOUMA AT KHANGKHAY (XIENGKHOUANG)

1962: CHIEF, BUREAU OF GENERAL AFFAIRS AND COUNCIL OF NEUTRALIST GOVERNMENT OF LAOS AT KHANGKHAY.

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JULY 1962 -JUNE 1966: PRIVATE SECRETARY OF SOUVANNA

PHOUMA, PRIME MINISTER OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT,
NATIONAL UNION OF LAOS, VIENTIANE.

JULY 1966: TRANSFERRED TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS.

23 JANUARY TO 13 DECEMBER 1968: ENGLISH TRAINING
UNDER COLUMBO PLAN SCHOLARSHIP IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.

15 FEB 1969: CHIEF, BUREAU OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

16 APRIL 1970: ATTACHE, ROYAL LAO EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH.

20 JULY 1971: CHIEF, BUREAU OF PERSONNLE, MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, VIENTIANE.

CHIEF OF BUREAU OF GENERAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, VIENTIANE.

10 SEPT 1973: CHIEF, BUREAU OF PASSPORTS, DIVISION
OF PROTOCOL.

FROM 3 OCTOBER 1974: VICE CONSPW AT ROYAL LAO CONSULATE
GENERAL IN CHIEN MAI, THAILAND.

3. ACQUAINTANCE WITH U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNLE VIENTIANE:

LEONARD UNGER, AMBASSADOR

WILLIAM SULLIVAN, AMBASSADOR

4. NEAREST RELATIVE IN US: MGENERAL OUDONE SANANIKONE
(WIFE'S BROTHER-IN-LAW)

5. TRAVEL ABROAD: IN 1963 MADE TRIP TO IMPORTANT CAPITALS
OF WORDL WITH SOUVANNA PHOUMA TO MEET LEADERS OF FOLLOWING
COUNTRIES.

US- TO PARTICIAPTE 18TH SESSION UN, NEW YORK;

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TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY, WHITE HOUSE;

TO PARIS TO MEET WITH GENERAL DE GAULLE;

TO LONDON TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER OF UK;

TO MOSCOW TO MEET PRIME MINISTER KRUSCHEV;

TO THAILAND TO BE RECEIVED BY KING AND TO MEET
WITH FIELD MARSHALL SARIT THANARAT.

IN 1964 ACCOMPANIED SOUVANNA PHOUMA TON TRIP TO HANOI
TO MEET WITH HO CHI MINH AND MR. PHAM VAN DONG.
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